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SUBJECT: SCATTERED VIOLENCE IN PROVINCE

1. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARLY (RUC) VEHICLE FIRED ON NIGHT MARCH 8-9 IN LONDONDERRY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. ANOTHER RUC PATROL SUBJECT BOMB ATTACK NEAR TOOMEBRIDGE. MOTORIZED ARMY PATROL NEAR KEADY BORDER SUBJECT OF LAND-MINE AMBUSH MARCH 8. AGAIN, NO INJURIES. NO WARNING BOMB EXPLODED AT PROTESTANT STORE LISNASKEA NIGHT MARCH 8 WITHOUT INFLECTING CASUALITIES. VEHICLE USED IN NO-WARNING CAR BOMBING AT CASTLEBLANEY IN REPUBLIC NIGHT MARCH 7 IN WHICH ONE MAN KILLED AND 20 PERSONS IN INJURED HAD BEEN HIJACKED IN BELFAST PROTESTANT SHANKILL ROAD AREA MARCH 6.

2. RUC AND ARMY CONCERNED ABOUT RETURN OF MORTAR ATTACKS. LATEST WAS ELABORATE BATTERY OF 14 MORTARS MOUNTED IN SAND AND CLAY ON DUMP TRUCK AND USED TO ATTACK ALDERGROVE AIRPORT SATURDAY MARH 6. DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT BUT SHELLS WERE LAUNCHED BY SOPHISTICATED ELECTRIC DELAYED-ACTION MECHANISM. NINE SHELLS EXPLODED. SHELLS AND TUBES APPARENTLY MANUFACTURED IN MACHINE SHOP. OFFICIAL UNIONIST CAPTAIN AUSTIN ARDILL AND DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST REVEREND WILLIAM BEATTY HAVE CRITICIZED

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SECURITY FORCES. BEATTY CLAIMED DUP HAD PASSED TIP FROM INFORMER

TO SECURITY FORCES ABOUT MORTARS A WEEK BEFORE ATTACK. ARDILL  
CLAIMED TUBES AND SHELLS MADE IN MACHINE SHOP IN REPUBLIC BY  
WORKERS SUPPORTED ON GOVERNMENT GRANTS. PROVISIONAL IRA BELFAST  
BRIGADE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACK. PRESS REPORTS  
PROVISIONALS HAVE COUNTERED STATEMENT MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER  
FITZGERALD OVER WEEKEND TO EFFECT THEY AT END OF LINE WITH  
STATEMENT THAT THEY STRONGER THAN EVER.SPICER

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